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1. Oil has been extracted from an area six kilometers north of Zakhari Stoyanovo (N 43-41, E 28-27) since early 1955. The deposit, which is considered to be the richest in Bulgaria, flows in such quantity that it floods contiguous fields.
2. The oil is transported, through Kavarna, the important junction for oil transport in the region, to Mangalia and Constanta and thence to Rumanian refineries.
3. Oil has also been found near Turgovishte, but drilling there has been suspended due to a shortage of drilling equipment within Bulgaria.
4. Four oil wells, only two of which are in operation, are situated ten miles from Shabla (N 43-32, E 28-32). The two wells, which have been in operation since May 1954, produce 30 to 40 five to seven-ton tanker loads a day. Delivery of larger tankers is expected from East Germany soon. The tankers go principally to a point on the Sofia road about 4 kilometers west of Botevgrad and to Madan.
5. Pending construction of a small refinery in 1956 to accommodate the needs of the country, raw oil is used for the production of asphalt.
6. Bulgaria has only two oil rigs, both of which are mobile. For safety reasons, only equipment necessary to operate the wells is left at the oil sites. Storage tanks are being built above the ground near oil wells.

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